PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"
"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

West Salem, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 1, 2025

Our Mission:
"Prince of Peace exists to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ"

Our Message:
"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

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Holy Communion at Prince of Peace, LCMS

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod practices "Close Communion" as an expression of unity in doctrine (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10). When a person partakes of the Sacrament at the Altar he is also confessing his unreserved agreement with that church body's doctrine. Because of doctrinal differences existing between the Missouri Synod and other Lutheran bodies, and also with other denominations, we cannot expect their members to make that kind of confession at our altar, nor do we desire anyone to compromise his own convictions and his church body's teachings. Therefore, our practice of "Close Communion" admits only those in doctrinal agreement who are members of congregations of the Missouri Synod.

The Holy Sacrament requires a mature participation which includes self-examination (1 Corinthians 11:28). Scripture also warns against "unworthy" reception (impenitence or unbelief) which would bring God's judgment on the recipient: 1 Corinthians 11:27; 1 Corinthians 11:29. Thus, out of loving concern for all, and commitment to the Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, we practice "Close Communion". We thank you for your cooperation and respect for our practice.

Those who will not be communing, but would like to receive a blessing are invited to come forward. Please cross your arms on your chest to indicate that you are requesting a blessing. May the Holy Spirit bless us all as we "Search the Scriptures" (John 5:39), and humbly strive to "Continue in His Word." (John 8:31) Please speak to an elder if you have questions concerning communion.

Theme

Jesus and His Father are inseparably one, without beginning or end. It is Jesus' desire that the disciples and subsequent generations of believers are solidified as one—believing, confessing, and nurturing in divine love, glory and mercy. Loving unity in the church is essential. Judas abandoned Christ's love, alienating himself from the disciples. Such futile destruction! Through Word and Sacrament, God holds love and unity in careful balance in His church. Such astonishing, undeserved intervention!

Order of Service: **Divine Service 4, p. 203 ff.**

Opening Hymn **829 Christ the Eternal Lord**

Confession and Absolution **(LSB p. 203)**

Service of the Word **(LSB p.204-207)**

Introit *Psalm 133*

[1]Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
[2]It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
[3]It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
[1]Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

Kyrie (LSB p. 204)

Hymn of Praise: Gloria In Excelsis **(LSB p. 204)**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading: Acts 1:12–26 *Acts 1:12–26*

12Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is
near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13And when they had entered, they
went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and
Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus
and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14All these with one accord were
devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of
Jesus, and his brothers.

15In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in
all about 120) and said, 16"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy
Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide
to those who arrested Jesus. 17For he was numbered among us and was allotted his
share in this ministry." 18(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his
wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels
gushed out. 19And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the
field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20"For it is
written in the Book of Psalms,

> "'May his camp become desolate,
> and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

> "'Let another take his office.'

21So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus
went in and out among us, 22beginning from the baptism of John until the day when
he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his
resurrection." 23And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also
called Justus, and Matthias. 24And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the
hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen 25to take the place in this
ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." 26And
they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the
eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle: Revelation 22:1–20

Revelation 22:1–20

[1]Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb [2]through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. [3]No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. [4]They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. [5]And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

[6]And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

[7]"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

[8]I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, [9]but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

[10]And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. [11]Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

[12]"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. [13]I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

[14]Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. [15]Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

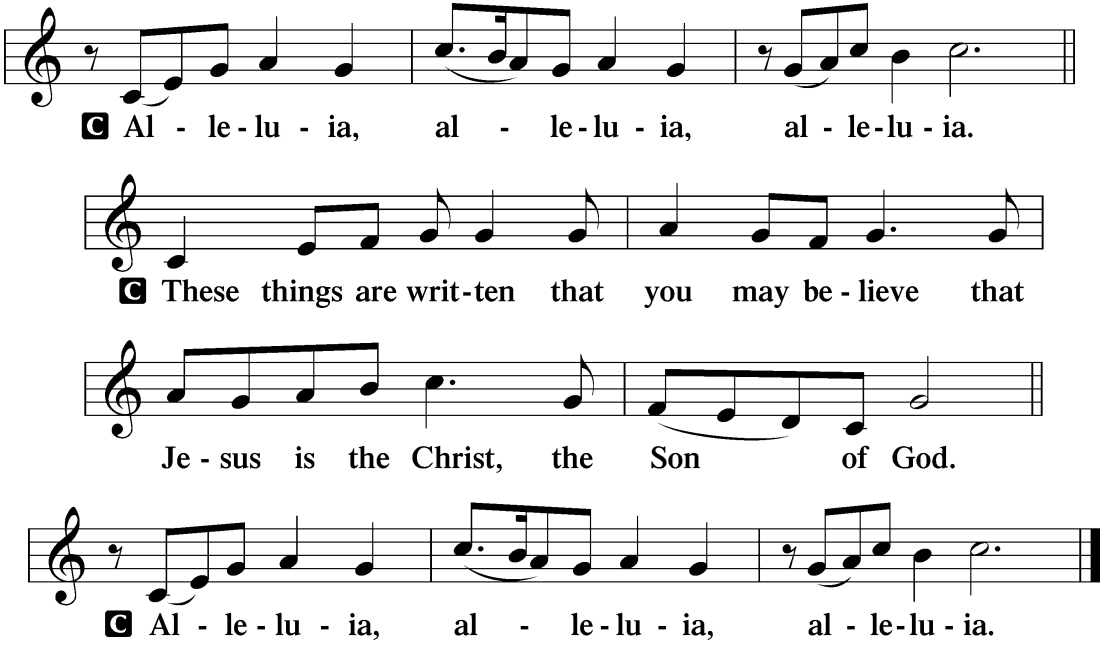
16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches.
I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”
17 The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And
let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without
price.
18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds
to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, 19 and if anyone takes
away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the
tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.
20 He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come,
Lord Jesus!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel: John 17:20–26 *John 17:20–26*

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

ℂ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

20 [Jesus said:] "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me
through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in
you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as
we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that
the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father,
I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see
my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the
world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you,
and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will
continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in
them, and I in them."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord. ℂ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed **(p. 207)**

Sit

Hymn of the Day **525 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Sermon **"United to God Through the Word" Revelation 22:1-20**

Prayer of the Church

℗ Lord God, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that he would turn from his evil way and live. Judas went his own way, unto perdition. We beg You to call back to Yourself those who have strayed from among us, and to give us joy to welcome them. Lord, in Your mercy,

ℂ **hear our prayer.**

℗ Lord, You desire Your Church on earth to be one. Grant unity in doctrine, in witness and at Your holy table. Lord, in Your mercy,

ℂ **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You have placed us in communities and families where we are nurtured in the knowledge of Your Word and in love. May we be faithful teachers of that Word to our children and those not yet of the kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the homes in which Your people dwell, that God would keep all harm and danger far from them, especially Dan and Kari Moen. Grant that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels, sharing eternally in Your blessings. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **hear our prayer.**

P King of kings and Lord of lords, the nations rage in this world, but You promise to bring peace through the ministry of Your Church. By the proclamation of the Gospel, grant healing for the ravages of war, grace in place of vengeance and life in place of death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, You graciously provide us with daily bread to sustain this body and life. Give us joy as we bring the fruits of our labors and the tithes and offerings of a grateful faith. Use these gifts so that the Church may not lack for resources to accomplish Your purpose nor the poor suffer need because of our indifference to their plight. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You give us endurance for the race set before us. Grant that we may run the course You have given us in faith. According to Your good will, give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, comfort to the grieving and peace to the dying. *[We especially remember before You _____.]* Strengthen them in weakness, and grant patience in their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, You have instituted and given Your Sacrament for the faithful to receive the very body and blood of Your Son for their forgiveness, life and salvation. Grant us all pure hearts to receive this gift worthily. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, Your Son has ascended to heaven and promises to bring His heavenly city to earth in the world to come. Give us such hope in His heavenly city that we spurn the allurements of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

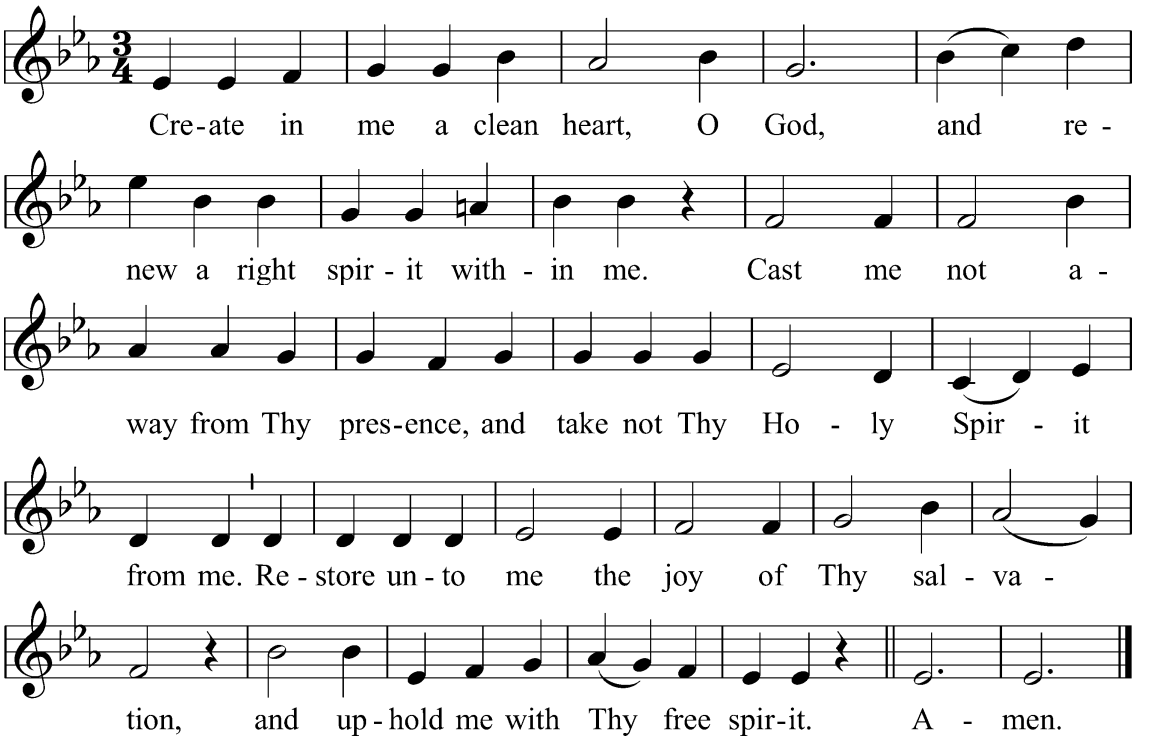
C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**



Prayer

Benedicamus and Benediction **(LSB p. 212)**

Closing Hymn **588 Jesus Loves Me**

Prince of Peace News and Notes for June 1, 2025

Please fill out a registration card today and leave it on the table in the back of the sanctuary or put it in the offering plate. Thank you.

Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Ushers:* Roger & Ginny Emmons; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Song leader:* Sarah Kolander*; Money Counters*: Chris Leis & Elaine Schmidt.

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Ushers:* Mike & Carolyn Dosland; *Greeters*: POP Family; *Song leader:* Brooklynn Scholze*; Money Counters*: Barb Hinds & Ona Childs.

Do you have an announcement that you want to share with the Congregation? Send it to office@wspop.org by the end of the day on Tuesday and it will be printed in this week's bulletin. You can also publish key information in the newsletter by submitting it the same way. Newsletter information is due by the end of the day on the Wednesday before the last Sunday.

Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday: 45
Weekly Budget Need: $3868.38
May 25 offering: $1888.00
Special Gifts:

Sunday Adult Bible Study: There is no Bible study today, June 1. Please join us next week! As the news media is focused on a new pope, what does the papacy mean for Lutherans? Join us today as we continue our study on "The Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope," which is one of our Lutheran confessional documents in The Book of Concord. Following this short study, we will continue our study on the Book of Proverbs.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Join us this Wednesday as we continue our study on the Gospel of John at 9:30 a.m.!

Altar Flowers – There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to bring flowers for the altar.

New Member Class: Are you interested in becoming a member at Prince of Peace? If you haven't reached out to Pastor Adelsen yet, POP will be starting a new member class in the near future!

Divine Servies for June 1 & 2: The Sunday, June 1, Divine Service will be elder led without Holy Communion. The Monday, June 1, Divine Service will be led by Pastor Adelsen with Word and Sacrament.

Doxology: Pastor Adelsen will be out of the office attending Doxology May 30-June 1 in Middleton, WI.

We have two priority projects this year: 1) Replace the most problematic furnace. Timing: August or September. Cost: about $4250 with fundraising. 2) Repaint the storage shed. Requires stripping old paint, prime coat and finish coat. We need volunteers, ladders and equipment. We plan to start as weather permits.

Church Cleaning: Please see the sign-up sheet and instructions in the narthex for taking a turn cleaning the church.

Life Thought from Lutheran for Life: The sanctity of human life means more than implementing regulations or controlling behaviors. Jesus longs "that they may be one" (John 17:22) and "that the love with which you have loved me may be in them" (John 17:26). This represents invitation and instruction to receive every neighbor as gift and privilege, treat all bodies and needs as such, and speak courageously and compassionately about it.